

**MINUTES**  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011  
TRAINING ROOM  
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B  
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA  
7:15 P.M.

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

3. **ROLL CALL**

*Present:* Commissioners La, Leung, Campbell, Watanuki, Vuppala, Davè, and Chair Hoffman

*Absent:* Vice Chair Smith and Commissioner Walsh

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the March 21, 2011 meeting.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Leung and seconded by Commissioner Davè to accept the minutes of March 21, 2011. The motion was approved and so ordered.*

5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner La informed the HRC of a workshop being given by FCSN on May 12, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The workshop will review how to apply for appointments to state commissions .

8. **CONSENT ITEMS**

8.1 None

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

9.1 HRC Work Plan

Commissioners reviewed the work plan.

## 9.2 Community Event for Joseph David Osman's "*Surrender to Kindness*"

Staff updated the Commission on the three events set for Joseph David Osman to speak about his book "*Surrender to Kindness*." Suzanne Shenfil, Director of the City of Fremont Human Services Department, requested that a Commissioner volunteer to introduce Mr. Osman and moderate the events. Staff also requested commissioners sign up to attend at least one of the events, which are scheduled as follows:

| Date          | Time     | Place                 | Commissioner  |
|---------------|----------|-----------------------|---|
| June 23, 2011 | 12:00 PM | Cal State East Bay    | Phong La  |
| June 23, 2011 | 7:00 PM  | Fremont Senior Center | Desrie Campbell<br>Anish Davè<br>Beth Hoffman                               |
| June 24, 2011 | 12:00 PM | Fremont Library       | Ripple Leung<br>Desrie Campbell<br>Anish Davè<br>Phong La<br>Debra Watanuki |

Commissioner Davè volunteered to be the moderator for all three events. The Commissioners also reached consensus on having all three events occur primarily in English, with the understanding that Mr. Osman, a bilingual speaker, could provide translation as needed.

*Commissioners requested staff to inquire about the date of the next city newsletter, as they would like to use this as a way of informing the community about the event.*

## 9.3 City of Fremont Social Services Grant Site Visits

An amendment to the agenda for 9.3 Recommendation was handed out to the Commissioners. The new recommendation reads as follows:

- 1) Encourage staff to use all administrative remedies to maximize funding for social service programs, and if funding cuts must be made, to make those cuts equally to all funded programs up to a maximum cut of 15%
- 2) In the event funding cuts impact social service programs more than 15%, return to the HRC for discussion and potential reprioritization of funding recommendations.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Watanuki and seconded by Commissioner Vuppala to accept Staff's recommendation regarding anticipated cuts to Social Service Grants.***

#### 9.4 Human Relations Award Discussion

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the Human Relations award criteria that staff provided from previous commissions. Some ideas discussed were as follows:

- Award judges could be non-Commissioners
- Award winners could be recognized at a City Council meeting
- Award winners could be acknowledged in a newspaper.

Chair Hoffman asked commissioners to read over the criteria and return next month with feedback and edits.

#### 9.5 Commission Participation in San Francisco Pride Parade

Suzanne Shenfil gave an update on the Pride Parade. The City of Fremont has pledged a \$500.00 sponsorship for the parade.

Commissioners decided on entering a truck, donated by Commissioner La, and a small convertible Mini Cooper donated by Chair Hoffman.

Chair Hoffman has invited Assembly member Bob Wieckowski and Senator Ellen Corbett to attend the parade. Assembly member Wieckowski has accepted the invitation. Senator Ellen Corbett is checking into her schedule and hopes to attend.

Chair Hoffman suggested that the HRC should visit other commissions to spread the word about the parade and possibly get others to join in the walk. Several Commissioners volunteered to attend the following commission meetings:

|                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Planning Commission           | Ripple Leung    |
| CAEB                          | Anish Davè      |
| Economic Development Advisory | Ripple Leung    |
| Senior Commission             | Anish Davè      |
| Youth Commission              | Debbie Watanuki |

*The Commission requested staff complete the following:*

1. *Send application to enter the parade*
2. *Send all user email to City of Fremont employees regarding the parade*
3. *Create white T-shirts with the City of Fremont logo on the front in color*
4. *Locate Human Relations Commission Banner*
5. *Find out if City of Fremont has an additional banner*
6. *Find out who the contact people are for the Fremont Fire and Police Departments that are handling their participation in the parade and share the*

*names with Beth Hoffman so she can contact them.*

*7. Find out when Lavender Seniors meet for lunch at the Senior Center*

*8. Add the event to the City web site*

**10. NEW BUSINESS** (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendaized discussion or taken action).

**10.1 2011 HRC Dinner**

The Commission decided that June 6, 2011 would be the date for the HRC dinner. Commissioners Leung and La will be meeting to select the restaurant and bring their decision back to the Commissioners at the May meeting.

**10.2 “Race To Nowhere” Symposium**

Commissioner Watanuki gave an update on the film symposium for the film “Race to Nowhere,” which will be held Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 2pm and 7pm at Washington Hospital. The panel for the symposium is almost complete. One confirmed participant, Dr. Lyn Dos Santos, is a Pediatrics Hospitalist. Fremont Unified Teachers Association donated \$550 towards the event. They will also be creating the fliers for the event. Tickets are \$10.00 pre-sale and \$15.00 at the door. Half of the proceeds will go to the distributor of the movie and the other half to Fremont Education Foundation.

**11. COMMISSION REFERRALS**

**11.1 None**

**12. STANDING AND ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)**

**12.1 Strengthening Fremont Serving Non Profits Committee**

Commissioner Davè gave an update. Planned Parenthood gave a presentation at the last CAEB meeting.

Commissioner Leung presented the FRC Strategic Plan to the HRC.

**12.2 Community Dialogue and Resource Sharing Committee**

No update

**12.3 Community Outreach Committee**

Commissioner Davè gave an update on committee. The intern project has been scaled back to one or two interns only and should be happening this summer.

12.4 Advocacy Committee

Advocacy Committee will meet this month.

12.5 Other Commission Updates

Suzanne Shenfil announced the Veterans Health and Resource Fair that is being held on May 7, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Niles Veterans Memorial Bldg. She requested that a few Commissioners stop by the day of the event. Chair Hoffman agreed to attend.

**13. STAFF REPORTS**

13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)

13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.

**14. REFERRALS TO STAFF** (this is for items referred by an individual Commissioner. A Commission vote in favor of an item here means it will be placed on a future Commission agenda as an item of new business. A vote against means it will be dropped without consideration).

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Watanuki and seconded by Commissioner Davè to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and so ordered.*